## Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the application.

1.   (Currently Amended)   A computer-implemented method for determining whether information in an electronic document should be updated, comprising the steps of:

      identifying a string having a unique identifier associated with the string;

      after the step of identifying, creating a request for information associated with the unique identifier;

      upon creation of the request, selecting <u>one of</u> a <u>plurality of types of</u> reference material sources based on the unique identifier, wherein the <u>selected</u> reference material source includes the information associated with the unique identifier;

      accessing the selected reference material source to obtain the information associated with the unique identifier; and

      after the step of accessing, automatically comparing the information associated with the unique identifier to the string to determine whether the string should be updated with the information associated with the unique identifier.

2.   (Previously Presented)   The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of comparing the information associated with the unique identifier to the string to determine whether the string is valid, comprises the steps of:

      if the information associated with the unique identifier matches the string, then determining that the string is valid; and

      otherwise, determining that the information associated with the unique identifier updates the string.

3.   (Previously Presented)   The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of identifying a string having a unique identifier associated with the string comprises the step of:

      searching the electronic document for strings having unique identifiers when the electronic document is opened.

4.  (Original)  The method of Claim 1, wherein the string is a name and the selected reference material source is an address book.

5.  (Original)  The method of Claim 1, wherein the string is an address and the selected reference material source is an address book.

6.  (Original)  The method of Claim 1, wherein the string is a value associated with a stock symbol and the selected reference material source is a real time stock quote.

7.  (Currently Amended)  A computer-implemented method for providing reference material, comprising the steps of:

  receiving a request from a user for a selected reference material associated with a unique identifier;

  determining that an ~~identity of~~ identifier for the [[a]] user of the selected reference material ~~is relevant to~~ matches the unique identifier of the selected reference material, and if so:

   creating a request for information requesting the selected reference material and identifying the user;

   upon creation of the request, selecting a reference material source based upon the request for information;

   accessing the selected reference material source to obtain the selected reference material; and

   after the step of accessing, providing the selected reference material in a manner that is relevant to the identified user.

8.  (Original)  The method of Claim 7, wherein the selected reference material is a set of directions and wherein providing the selected reference material comprises:

  providing the set of directions so that the directions begin with the identified user's location.

9.  (Original)  The method of Claim 7, wherein the selected reference material source is one of a plurality of reference material sources, and at least one of the reference material sources is a remote server.

10.  (Previously Presented)  The method of Claim 7, further comprising the step of accessing the selected reference material source via a network.

11.  (Currently Amended)  A system for integrating reference material into an electronic document, comprising:

an application program for creating the electronic document and creating a request for information to obtain a selected reference material, wherein the electronic document comprises a string having a unique identifier associated with the string, wherein the application program monitors actions of a user, wherein the request for information is created through a prompt provided to the user based on the monitoring of the actions of the user, and wherein the request for information comprises the unique identifier;

a reference engine for receiving the request for information from the application program, selecting one of a plurality of reference material sources based upon the request for information, and accessing the selected reference material source to obtain the selected reference material; and

the plurality of reference material sources for providing the reference material.

12.  (Cancelled)

13.  (Previously Presented)  The system of Claim 11, wherein the application program compares the selected reference material with the string to determine whether the string is valid.

14.  (Currently Amended)  The system of Claim 11, wherein [[a]] the user's identity is relevant to the request for information, and wherein the request for information comprises an identifier for the user.

15. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein the request for information includes a selected word and a request for a definition of the word.

16. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein the application program is a word processing program having a selected language, and wherein the request for information comprises an identifier for the selected language.

17. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein one of the plurality of reference material sources is a dictionary in a first language and another one of the plurality of reference material sources is a dictionary in a second language.

18. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein one of the plurality of reference material sources is an address book associated with an electronic mail application program.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 18, wherein the request for information comprises a unique identifier associated with an entry in the address book, and wherein the reference engine selects the address book as the selected reference material source based upon the unique identifier.

20. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein the request for information comprises key words summarizing the content of the electronic document.

21. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein one of the plurality of reference material sources is a remote server.

22. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein one of the plurality of reference material sources is accessed via a network.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for integrating a dictionary into a user interface of an application program, comprising the steps of:

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integrating a dictionary into an application program so that in response to a selection of a dictionary control provided in the user interface of the application program, a dictionary interface is displayed on a display device;

receiving a request for a selected word;

creating a request for a definition of the selected word;

based upon the request for a definition, selecting one of a plurality of dictionary files corresponding to different fields having a specialized vocabulary;

upon selection of the dictionary file, accessing the selected dictionary file to obtain the definition of the selected word; and

providing the definition of the selected word so that the definition is displayed in the dictionary interface.

24. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein receiving a request for a selected word comprises:

receiving the selected word via the dictionary interface.

25. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein the dictionary interface includes a language control and wherein receiving a request for a selected word comprises:

receiving a selected language via the dictionary interface.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 23, wherein the dictionary interface includes a language control and wherein selecting one of a plurality of dictionary files comprises:

selecting one of a plurality of dictionary files associated with a language specified by the language control.